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TRUCK DRIVER SENTENCED TO OVER 10 YEARS IN PRISON FOR 3,155 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

TUCSON, Ariz. - Jaime Zamorano-Leyva, 46, of Mexico, was sentenced here today to 121 months in prison to be followed by 60 months supervised release by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata.

On July 22, 2004, the Drug Enforcement Administration arrested Zamorano after agents from U.S. Border Patrol discovered 1,431 kilograms (approximately 3,155 pounds) of marijuana in the tractor-trailer the defendant was driving during a stop at a Border Patrol Checkpoint on I-19 near Rio Rico, Ariz. On August 18, 2004 a federal grand jury indicted Zamorano for Possession with Intent to Distribute approximately 1,431 kilograms of marijuana. On January 21, 2004, a jury found Zamorano guilty of the charge in the indictment.

The investigation in the case was conducted by U.S. Border Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The prosecution was handled by Celeste Corlett, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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